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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ryo OSUGI et al. Conf.: 2775
Appl. No.: 09/658,014 Group: 2834
Filed: September 8, 2000 Examiner: DANG LE
For: IMPROVED YOKE COMPARTMENT OF VOICE COIL MOTOR FOR
HARD DISK DRIVE AND VOICE COIL MOTOR USING SAID
YOKE COMPONENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

January 23, 2003

ATTN: W.P. ERWIN, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE
REFUND SECTION
ACCOUNTING DIVISION
OFFICE OF FINANCE

REQUEST FOR REFUND

I. REFUND REQUEST

Repln. Ref: 04/18/2003 EEKUBAY1 0009340800
DA# 022448 Name/Number: 09658014
FC: 9204 \$210.00 CR

AMOUNT OF
REFUND
REQUESTED

☒ Extension of term,
second and third months:

820.00

☒ Notice of appeal:

320.00

Adjustment date: 04/18/2003 EEKUBAY1
01/24/2003 EAREGAY1 00000094 09658014
01 FC:1401 -320.00 OF
02 FC:1253 -820.00 OF

TOTAL REFUND REQUESTED

\$1,140.00

Repln. Ref: 04/18/2003 EEKUBAY1 0009343200
DA# 022448 Name/Number: 09658014
FC: 9204 \$820.00 CR

II. EXPLANATION OF WHY REFUND IS PROPER

On July 23, 2002, the PTO issued a Final Rejection in the above-identified application. On November 21, 2002, Applicants filed a petition for one month's extension of time (to November 23, 2002) and an Amendment that was designed to place the application into condition for allowance (or at least into better condition for appeal). Two months later, not having received the anticipated Notice of Allowance (or even an Advisory Action), Applicants' representative telephoned the PTO and was told that the Amendment had not been matched with the file. Applicants therefore are filing a copy of the November 21, 2002 Amendment, along with a postcard receipt which provides evidence that that Amendment was in fact received by the PTO. However, Applicants must also now file a petition for two months' additional extension of time, along with a Notice of Appeal, in order to maintain the application in a pending status. Since the two-months' extension and Appeal are necessitated by the PTO's failure to provide a timely response to the Amendment that was filed on November 21, 2002, it is respectfully requested that the fees in question be refunded.

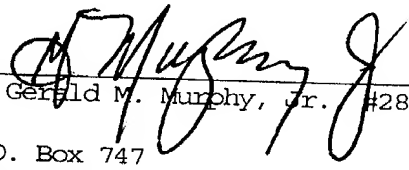
IV. MANNER OF REFUND

Please make refund by crediting Account No. 02-2448.

We respectfully request that the attached copy of this letter be returned to us with an indication that the credit has been processed.

Respectfully submitted,

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